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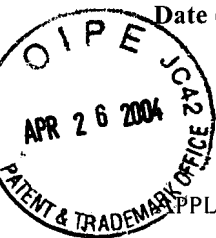
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Guo, et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/074,978 EXAMINER: David J. Steadman  
FILING DATE: February 12, 2002 ART UNIT: 1652  
FOR: NOVEL HUMAN PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Commissioner for Patents  
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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 24, 2004, in the above-identified application. With the extension, and since April 24, 2004 was a Saturday, the response is due on or before April 26, 2004. A check (No. 18353) in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. The Applicants claim small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-269 (Cura 569). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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